

17-5-18.
L. E. 13320.

17th May, 1918.

Dear Miss Parish,

How do you feel about Cinderford on reflection ? There were some very stolid unimaginative faces and I felt some sinking of heart now and again. Some of the men there (old Assistants) I sadly fear do their work by the hour and draw their pay and think that the end. To kindle them to flame will be - well a triumph if they are kindled.

Of the Head Masters Mr. Emery is enthusiastic and hard-working but rather a slave-driver, very deficient in the spiritual and imaginative side; a man who will always do the thing suggested and nine time out of ten most ingeniously miss the spirit and intention of the suggestion. It is often a rather vulgar thirst for pre-eminence that moves him.

Mr. Mantle is rather idle, rather helpless, quite without inspiration, quite (I fear) impossible to inspire.

Mr. Wheeler is an enthusiastic very earnest little man, profoundly anxious to do the best for everybody. I do not know much of him in his school, but out of his school he is apt to be very stupid, and very ^{and} stubborn, he always has a grievance.

Miss Haddocks is the one who will really
succeed - among the Elementary Schools.

It will be very interesting to see whether
the books and the methods, and the inspiration from Miss
Mason acting through everything, can save some lost
souls and drag them back a little way towards the light.

I enclose a list of the Schools which should
have the pictures sent to them regularly. May that
be a standing order. I did not realise that we
numbered 24.

Thank you so much for all that you have
done.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Miss Parish,
Parents National Educational Union,
76, Victoria Street,
London.

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1. Miss Frogley,
Waterloo C. of M. Girls School,
Gloucester.
2. Miss Kirkland,
Painswick Council
Girls' School,
Stroud.
3. Miss Clark,
Cam C. of M. Girls School,
Dursley.
4. Miss Litcher,
Hathercock Council School,
Stroud.
5. Mr. H. Hodges,
Boys Endowed C. of M. School,
Gloucester.
6. Mrs. Staples,
Hanham Road Girls'
Council School,
Kingswood,
Bristol.
7. Mr. H. Frain,
High Street Boys' Council School,
Kingswood,
Bristol.
8. Mr. C. Jones,
Council School,
Wellstone,
Lydney, Glou.
9. Mr. G. H. Smith,
Uplands Council School,
Stroud.
10. Mr. P. H. H. Crosswell,
Boys Council School,
Gloucester.
11. Mr. H. G. Densley,
Church Street Council School,
Stroud.
12. Miss Spittle,
C. of M. School,
Patchway,
Bristol.
13. Mr. G. H. Bryant,
Trinity C. of M. School,
Drybrook,
Glos.
14. Mr. F. A. Webster,
Council School,
Chalford Mill,
Stroud.
15. Mr. A. H. Russell,
Higher Elementary School,
Cinderford,
Glos.
16. Mr. A. J. Dee,
Gainscross C. of M. School,
Stroud.
17. Miss E. B. Jackson,
Queenington School,
Fairford,
Glos.
18. Miss Wilson,
Castle Street Girls'
School,
Stroud.
19. Miss F. Maddocks,
Bilson Girls' School,
Cinderford,
Glos.
20. Miss Watts,
Bilson Infants' School,
Cinderford,
Glos.
21. Mr. A. J. Martle,
Bilson Boys' School,
Cinderford, Glos.
22. Mr. F. Wheeler,
St. White's School,
Cinderford, Glos.
23. Miss Hall,
St. White's Infants' School,
Cinderford, Glos.
24. Mr. J. A. Emery,
Double View Council
School,
Cinderford, Glos.

1. Miss Frogley,
Watermoor C. of E. Girls School,
Cirencester.
2. Miss Kirkland,
Painswick Council
Girls' School,
Stroud.
3. Miss Clark,
Ora C. of E. Girls School,
Dursley.
4. Miss Latchar,
Radbrook Council School,
Stroud.
5. Mr. H. Hedge,
Boys Endowed C. of E. School,
Cirencester.
6. Mrs. Staples,
Hannah Road Girls'
Council School,
Kingswood,
Bristol.
7. Mr. H. Frain,
High Street Boys' Council School,
Kingswood,
Bristol.
8. Mr. C. Jones,
Council School,
Wollastons,
Lydney, Glos.
9. Mr. G. H. Smith,
Uplands Council School,
Stroud.
10. Mr. F. H. H. Cresswell,
Boys Council School,
Cirencester.
11. Mr. E. G. Dextsey,
Church Street Council School,
Stroud.
12. Miss Spittle,
C. of E. School,
Patchway,
Bristol.
13. Mr. G. H. Bryant,
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Drybrook,
Glos.
14. Mr. F. A. Webster,
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Chalford Hill,
Stroud.
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Cinderford,
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Glos.
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Stroud.
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Cinderford, Glos.

late 12 Sch. ship up.
to do not with it
increase the
black-croated
representative
Scale How,
Ambleside.
July 15, 1918
Charles Melton
13p54cmc310

Thank you for your
note & the Report of the Gloucestershire
Education Committee.

The latter gives me
much thankful joy. It is
a great thing to have the
works so widely & firmly
planted in any one country
& I am deeply indebted
for the many it shows in
the generous appreciation

of our aims + achievements.

What is said of the (under) ^{the}

'Secondary' school is especially interesting. Exam^r results

in that way would represent
real knowledge + not

superficial exam.

I am grateful too for
to brief a mention of me,

then not our schools.

in that not have swept
the board in the Scholarship.

for Secondary Schools Exam;

but. I am rather glad that
some of the parents decline to

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Scale How,
Ambleside.

P.S. That a capital idea to
send out those 5 or 6 (very
interesting) pages as a pamphlet
to every Head Teacher in the
County. I wonder could
you spare me a batch - ^{after} 7
the whole report: was many
as you can spare of the
pamphlet. but - perhaps
Miss Parry has already
put in a plea. anyway.
may I have some too in
Ch.

"Two" boys & girls.
 I am
 as all directed in
 this matter to some
 extent. They
 will not see
 contents
 who say to
 Ambleside.
 "Do not
 further will
 they be
 I don't
 W. Langley
 Charles M. Walker

Thank you very much.
 I think you have sent me
 enough as the London people
 will have copies.

I am in correspondence
 with the London people
 of Edm. with a view to getting
 our ^{College} Certificate recognised
 as "Efficient" & as qualifying
 for a Certificate for Elementary
 Schools.

Monday (15th)

This seems to me important
with a view to our further
developments. Mr. Richards
Chief Insp. of Tex. Colleges is to
come in the autumn & Miss
Dickens has already reported.
but there are two great difficulties.

I wonder would you run
down to Langhammarket & let
me put you up for a night
(at "Lake Hotel") - there are
many things I want to talk
over with you - especially what
guidance we are to provide
for the future reading of

House of Education,
Ambleside.

19. 1. 19

Dear Mr. Household

The enclosed has
been sent on to me. Let
me thank you for your good
will & good offices. Every
word tells & I think the policy
of the Bd of Education is very
much to watch the currents
of opinion, also - to adopt
"nothing said" any more.

or practice they think
may be useful. I think
they are commoner & will
at any rate give us suffering.

How far is Gloucestershire? a
great distance is our cap!
+ a most important ex-
periment?

We are anxious to get
hold of the Cont. Secs & I have
written a pamphlet - wh.

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House of Education,
Ambleside.

of which I hope to hear
your opinion later - that
is, not of the pamphlet
so much as of the scheme -

I have re-read your
paper on 'Patristicism' with
much pleasure - has it
not odd that a notice
of your second volume
should come out at -

The same time - quite an
 accident - for the printers
 had had ^{the notice} ~~it~~ for a long time.

Schools are coming in
 steadily with work papers.
 Miss Parvish wrote yesterday
 of a party at Slough of 50 lbs -
 very much in earnest -
 & by the same post came a letter
 from the master of a big school -
 I got very hopeful letters from
 Flors; very many yours
 Charles Newman

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able to tell
Main Geography
Dear

But I don't
want to write any

more Mr.

House of Education,
Ambleside.

14.2 1915

Mr. Household

I was very glad of your
letter. Yes. great - are they
that - are against - us but prejudice
is their stronghold.

I imagine the policy of R. Bd.
of Education is to allow but not
encourage us. I think they
have been rather misled by
academic people - including
head teachers of 2ndry Schools
but not the head masters of public
schools

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but. Truly is truth - that
we no other evidence the
delightful stack of papers from
Glas: which I get from our
office should be enough for
permeated people. (I add a
few notes on separate sheet) -

This is what we have
done & what we propose to
Cont. Lchs:

I sent a (very poor) letter to the
Times some time ago which was
reprinted & sent with that precious
Glas: report & an covering letter
from Miss Parison in which
she said a pamphlet wd follow -

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Ambleside.

c. I think 400 C. Councils.

Many letters followed &
some arrangements for
"missions"

Much of the pamphlet was
published in the RB. (to save
cost) but shortly it will appear
with various appendices. &
will be sent to all those Councils
& anywhere else that we may
hear of.

Please send me by return
if possible any suggestions or criticisms
that occurs to you. You notice that
I have the whole time for the

humanities - my intention
 was that we could afford to
compromise gracefully if
 it was necessary. but the
 fact is, the matter is simply
 vital to the country & we must
 put on a bold front. Do you
 remember Froth's saying -
 "There is nothing more dreadful
 than ignorance in action" - &
 that's what we must - save the
 country from - I noticed ~~our~~
 the effect of your teaching
 actions will be almost im-
 mediate. Swiss Cindersford
 ever whole hearted & devoted friend

House of Education,
Ambleside.

escape studies! But how
poor that the parents care -
The young respectable citizen
turned out by the technical schools
is really valueless to the nation.

I have heard a little of the
by-play that has gone on in
connection with the various
Committees you mention - &
shall ask you to send the pamphlet
when it arrives with a letter
from you to liberty persons:
I wonder is your influence
greater than your support? Love

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little time since Mr. Culler wrote
very definitely for a lady who
will teach a Cont. Sch. on our lines.
I told her of a Miss Allen, an
old student, - what would I think,
be the right person but the matter
has dropped for the present - you
will probably think I best to
say nothing about it as the plans
seem a little unripe.

I am filled with grateful
appreciation of your effort -
laborious one - to get the opinions
of teachers & children. The result
is exceedingly interesting.

House of Education,

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Ambleside.

It is valuable. I am delighted that
our Office is willing to have the whole
printed & sent out as a "propaganda"
pamphlet. If you may do this
don't you mind. We should
have a covering letter from you.
& a note appended to each set
of papers - the sort of note you
described in yr. letter to Miss Parish.

Forgive this long screed.

Yours gratefully

Charles W. Mason.

I add a few notes about papers,
Pictures - It is intended that
each child sh^d have a copy of

These beautiful reproductions,
 but ^{Mr} Mansell (Apt Street) who
 does them for us would
gladly produce large prints to
be passed from school to school.

Should you care to write to
 him about it?

Large classes. There are schools
 which find this much the best
 method for such classes. a teacher
 sits here & there keeps a big class alert.
Geography. I wish I might be
 relieved of the burden of providing that
 commodity! But children must
 have much detail & they don't -
 generalise. We want a map to
 compare a picture for them, & they must

Scale How,
Ambleside.

10th March 1919

your third volume
progressing?
if yes not -

Dear Mr. Hornsby

I have never told
you with what very great
pleasure I read your 'Carnegie'
report. You are doing great
work with that village library.

Of Lady's Bell's 4th of
readers in the big Newcastle
Free Library.

Have you seen articles

in the XIXth Century &
the Cornhill in this month,
on our method? both I
think very good.

Of course I am disappointed
about the report. I did not
mention any alternatives
to W. Richards.

Such a 'report' as the report
as you will give will be a
work of time & labour - so
please do it at your leisure.

Respectfully yours
Charlotte Mason.

Have you any body
fight at - Wharfedale + Wolds
cost - of ca

Do? for have

rate

How
Amble
Candy

side.

sol. m

collepp. — We are

was away to send Mrs

But this is a great gift - you have given us, & at the cost of labors which most of us would shrink from.

I greatly like the way in which you make our school answer the objections of our

Montaigne on Plaster is
is a brilliant reputation.

I am particularly glad
of your mention of Miss

going to offer that ^{next} year's business at
N. B. proposes to test them at work. - Shall you have any to send us?

Kitching, for I am an old
 woman & she has been most
 carefully trained for years:
 what fine intelligence she
 brings to the task you are
 able to judge.

My desire is that the school
 shall simply grow when the
 time for a change in the head
 comes; I think there will be
 no perceptible difference &
 I think the directions should
 always be in the hands of one

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Ambleside.

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person (with helpers & advisers,
to secure the sort of homogeneity
which both you & your teachers
remark upon. The setting of
books must not be in the
hands of a committee or we
shall lose the sense of vitality
which we all enjoy.

Forgive this digression but
you see I want to enlist you
as a supporter when the time
comes.

You have among the writers of
the poor 'Babylon' 'man this like!

It is marvellous how you
have taken up difficulty after
difficulty & presto! it vanishes -
Examinations. Plutarch, the
Talesman & so on. I delight
in the "happy curious little
soul" who goes on his own quests.

What a capital treatise
on education the whole makes -
the comments of the teachers as
well as those of the Editor!

By the way is X the Secondary
School, & shall I be right in
putting "Hesper Elementary" into the
paper column for the R.M.?

Scale Hotel,
Ambleside.

April 3 - 1915

Dear Mr. Hornsfield

But - this is very
nice! We shall expect
you to give us at least
a week & shall make you
do a little drudgery
in seeing our work - but
not much - I have found
it will be to "talk of many
things . . . - whether pigs
have wings" - Do you know

I think - our researches go
in that direction - I particularly
delighted in two notices
of dull boys in y. report:
We shall do our best to
'make' fine weather -

With happy anticipations

Yours truly

Charles McManis

I am so glad you agree
with me about Committees!
excellent institutions.

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Scale How,
Ambleside.

12.1.1820

your truly
Charlotte Mason

it has been brought
to me by G. G.

can Mr. Horsfield

We shall count on
you at Whitson (please
stretch the day). & your
coming will give us the very
greatest pleasure. but
we must not let you
work too hard. May

your presence is an inspiration.
I wish you would let

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we have your paper -
it would be rather a chance
to sew up bits of pamphlets
a second time because
people forget: & so. I
should feel your words also.

I have received Miss Lowe's
paper copies & have not seen
either of the others.

The Times at one time did
us yeomen's services publish
any number of long letters /
from us & others - I imagine

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Scale How,
Ambleside.

10.1.1920

Dear Mr. Hornschohl

But - you have carried
through ~~off~~ our Univ. duty triumphantly;
& made me very happy, not
only because of the meeting,
important as that was, but
because it is a very great
thing to an old woman to
have a "son in the faith" who
will carry on - & who is an

expect in the whole thing -
both theory & practice -

I delighted in your reiterated
"Come & see!" - & your "We" - a
don't cover, ~~season~~ - That
'We' has tonic properties for
us all. They do so & so is
what America would call
quite a different proposition -

Please let me have your
papers for the P.B.

We have got quite a good press
ever so gratefully & cordially yours
Chr Mass

Scale How,
Ambleside.

30.1 1590

Dear Mr. Household

Thine Parish has
sent me little 'Yedding ton'
to look at. & it helps me
to understand our Master's
joy over the women of Samaria!

It is perfectly delightful.
But we have some thing
for the last, & the best!

Letters with your 'hall-mark'
continue to drop in.

examination papers also written by his children

your truly

Charles Maden.

When you come we must
 have a serious consultation
 re ways & means of
 propaganda. I hear
 that Australia is moving.
 + we must it is necessary you
 that your niece Mr. Smith
 is called upon to find
 evidence before the Dept of Ctee -
 on English!

I am having happy hours
 over enormous stacks of

after they may
be printed - but I

Point = 6000

enthusiasm is

the very deed

Scanned with

Ambleside.

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Alway, respectfully yours,
Charles M. Mason

Charles M. Mason

long bear

Book

I'm afraid w

are not fixing you that

'ust - from wintering wharfs

is very necessary! I feel

letters quoting you on referring

6- you - especially two or three

from Holland - new ground

4-us. It seems that

Some sketch paper has reported

our meeting but I have not
seen the cutting.

Certainly we got a little impetus
from the 7th Congress efforts
produced fruit. I should be

very happy if we got some seeds
schools in consequence. I wish

Perish tells me of the Mother
of a Preparatory School who was
bitten at the meeting & now

asks her down to convert her stuff.

One never knows how far such
efforts may reach nor how

Scale How,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

25. 4. 1820.

Dear Mr. Household

I have just been reading
your 'Experiments in Education'
in the Ed. Review. - How
capital & how convincing
it is!

Yes, you may call me
an 'empiric' if you will
allow it - to mean that I
take nothing as true which
has not been established by

experiment.

What fine help you gave
us in your letter with Mr.
Richards! He is behaving
nobly to us, & his caveat
about 'hooning' is all
to the good. If Miss Wix
went to schools as a recognized
official she would lose
the pleasant friendly manner
which is so precious a trait

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Scale How,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

both in his shoes Paris.

Two more by Henry

you must stop us.

Get the Board to issue
a Circulars to Co. Councils

& the like telling them

that they must spend

say, a third of the cost per

child, on books. Any

books they like to

carry out Mr. Fisher's Act.

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Once they invoice it.

The fact - that they must
spend on books anyway
all ^{the} would ~~make~~ all plans
sailing for us.

The other big thing is,
of course, Mr. Fletcher.

We are all in much
perplexity about a successor
to Miss Wix. Miss Cholmondeley
feels herself bound to Hatherly
Carter for three years because

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Scale How,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

She can be expressing
to be trained to teach her younger
sister Joan. who is in her
class here. There are
several possible people
I no doubt - the right person
will appear.

I have repeated asking
you to speak to teachers on
Bank Holiday - I fear
we should get only a small

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audiences as the teachers will
have made engagement
months in advance.

Besides, the students
have little plans for
amusing you. we
must not interfere
with the rest of a day or two
which you sorely need.

It is foolish of you to
come to us & lose 2 days
in travel! Yours truly
Charlotte Mason

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Scale Hall,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

Kewick Hotel. Kewick. 2.4.1920

Dear Mr. Household

No doubt you know

Mr. Pullinger, Sec. of D. Hills.

+ it is through you that

"Several schools in Hillsdale
are anxious to take up the scheme".

I am sending him
your 'Report' & advising
him to see you & your noble
army of (not-martyrs!) schools.

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Alas. Mr. Young, Asst. Secy -
Secondary Education,

Middlesex, has asked me
for 2,500 words about our
method & results, & I
have been bold enough
without even asking you
to send your report with
marked passages!

There are still secretings
of heart at our 'Office' -
but I hope they will soon
subside -

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Scale How,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

By the way, did I make
it plain that it was
your letter addressed
to me which I thought
I might send or if you
care to make one or
two verbal alterations.

I think it would help
our friend to see things
as others see them.

Did I understand from
Miss Parish that you
were going to write to
Mrs. Hankins about the
suggested appointment
for Miss Wix? As would
it be premature to tell her.

You are an immense
support to the movement.

With Easter greetings

Very yours.

Charlotte Mason

The confidence of the
 "Buckers" - "My
 friend - no absolutely"
 said Miss B. B. B.
 Scale Gate, Ambleside,
 Westmorland.
 15th 1920
 C. M. Mason
 139764-4310
 Let me know if you
 are less tired

My dear Mr. Conferences
 I hear the Conference
 was a splendid success,
 over which I rejoice. We
 all rejoice.
 But I also hear that you
 were very tired. So am
 going to write only a short
 note & beg you to do nothing
 whatever for RPTA until

I wonder at the possibility of getting
 so tired

after the holidays.

I am sorry I suggested
that paper. The work
itself urges you on more
than enough.

Yes. we have to face the
fact of hostility - I Prof.
Green of Sheffield, a friend
Scholar of W. Fisher's, told
Miss Brownell he would
"fight it (RMS) with mail &
the last ditch." I suppose